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Summary of the Bills Under Consideration Today:

Total Number of New Government Programs: 0

Total Cost of Discretionary Authorizations: \$0

Effect on Revenue: \$0

Total Change in Mandatory Spending: unknown

Total New State & Local Government Mandates: 0

Total New Private Sector Mandates: 0

Number of Bills Without Committee Reports: 1

Number of Reported Bills that Don't Cite Specific Clauses of Constitutional Authority: 0

H.R. 434 — Short Term Extension of the Small Business Administration— *as introduced* (Chabot, R-OH)

Order of Business: The bill is scheduled for consideration on Wednesday, January 17, 2007, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill.

Note: Reportedly, the bill up for consideration today regarding the SBA will be H.R. 434 by Rep. Chabot, despite yesterday's Whipping Post that states the sponsor as Rep. Velazquez and does not state a bill number.

Summary: H.R. 434 would temporarily extend programs under the Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 through December 31, 2007. Last year, these programs were extended through February 2, 2007, by section 1 of Public Law 109-316.

Committee Action: H.R. 434 was introduced on January 12, 2007, and referred to the Committee on Small Business, which took no official action.

Cost to Taxpayers: A CBO score of H.R. 434 is unavailable.

Does the Bill Expand the Size and Scope of the Federal Government?: No.

Does the Bill Contain Any New State-Government, Local-Government, or Private-Sector Mandates?: No.

Constitutional Authority: A committee report citing constitutional authority is unavailable.

House Rule XIII, Section 3(d)(1), requires that all committee reports contain “a statement citing the *specific* powers granted to Congress in the Constitution to enact the law proposed by the bill or joint resolution.” *[emphasis added]*

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H.Res. 58 — To honor Muhammad Ali, global humanitarian, on the occasion of his 65th birthday and to extend best wishes to him and his family— *as introduced (Carson, D-IN)*

Order of Business: The resolution is scheduled for consideration on Wednesday, January 17, 2007, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the resolution.

Summary: H.Res. 58 resolves that the House of Representatives “honors Muhammad Ali, global humanitarian, on the occasion of his 65th birthday and extends best wishes to him and his family.”

The resolution also states a number of findings, including the following:

- “Ali was born in Louisville, Kentucky, on January 17, 1942, and was named Cassius Marcellus Clay, Jr. after his father, Cassius Marcellus Clay, Sr., (who was named for the 19th century abolitionist and politician Cassius Clay);
- “Ali later changed his name after joining the Nation of Islam and subsequently converted to Sunni Islam in 1975;
- “In 1999, Ali was crowned ‘Sportsman of the Century’ by Sports Illustrated, won the World Heavyweight Boxing championship 3 times, and won the North American Boxing Federation championship and an Olympic gold medal;
- “Ali received the Presidential Medal of Freedom at a White House ceremony on November 9, 2005, and the prestigious ‘Otto Hahn peace medal in Gold’ of the United Nations Association of Germany in Berlin on December 17, 2005, for his work with the United States civil rights movement and the United Nations;
- “Since he retired from boxing, Ali has devoted himself to humanitarian endeavors around the globe; and

- “Ali is a devout Sunni Muslim and travels the world over, working for hunger and poverty relief, supporting education efforts of all kinds, promoting adoption, and encouraging people to respect and better understand one another.”

Additional Information: Muhammad Ali, the self-proclaimed “Greatest of All Time,” was undoubtedly of the greatest boxers in the history of the sport, whom many credit as revolutionizing the sport by introducing a style that was contrary to accepted teachings. Ali was the first man to win the heavyweight title three times, and was simultaneously known as charismatic and arrogant throughout his career.

After defeating Sonny Liston for the heavyweight title, he announced he has converted to Islam and changed his name from Cassius Clay (reportedly recruited by Malcolm X). In 1967, Ali cited “religious beliefs” when refusing induction into the U.S. Army. He was arrested and was stripped of his heavyweight title, and had his boxing license suspended, rendering inactive in boxing for almost three years. Ali later regained his heavyweight title two separate times, and fought in legendary matches against Joe Frazier, George Foreman, Leon Spinks, Larry Holmes, and others.

Ali was diagnosed with Parkinson’s disease in 1984. For additional information on Ali, visit: <http://www.ali.com/>.

Committee Action: H.Res. 58 was introduced on January 12, 2007, and referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, which took no official action.

Cost to Taxpayers: The resolution authorizes no expenditure.

Does the Bill Expand the Size and Scope of the Federal Government?: No.

Does the Bill Contain Any New State-Government, Local-Government, or Private-Sector Mandates?: No.

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